

## THIRD PARTY MEN BACK, SHOUTING FOR STRAUS

"Suspender Jack" McGee Tells How He Carried Progressives Across "Rubicon."

TOOK A "BRODIE" CHANCE

Dr. Lomburger's Carefully Prepared Seconding Speech Was Lost in the Wild Stampede.

"Suspender Jack" McGee, of the 15th District, New York, who nominated Oscar S. Straus at Syracuse, and Dr. Oscar Lomburger, of the Brooklyn delegation, who seconded the nomination, made a bee line from the Grand Central Station yesterday afternoon to the national headquarters of their party, in the Hotel Manhattan. Almost delirious over their triumph, they had issued from the big terminal at the head of a riotous procession of returning delegates singing "Well, Hank Bill Barlow to a Sour Apple" and punctuating the chorus of "Hail, Straus" with shouts for Straus.

Together they burst into the offices of the national headquarters, on the twelfth floor of the hotel, minus their followers, both out of breath but both anxious to explain how they stamped the convention for their candidate. "Suspender Jack" McGee, crowned his lean brown face at an angle while his red bandana hung loosely over his shoulders like a laurel wreath. Dr. Lomburger stood with curly head bared, his broad face beaming and streaming.

Straus shy of the nomination. It seems that on the first day of the convention "Suspender Jack" had suggested Straus's name to Dr. Lomburger with the idea that the Brooklyn delegate should sound the chairman and nominate him. But Mr. Straus told Dr. Lomburger that a nomination would sever their friendship. Furthermore, Dr. Lomburger assured "Suspender Jack" that no man by the name of Lomburger should nominate one by the name of Straus.

"You can nominate him, though," said Dr. Lomburger. So it was agreed between them that if the fight between Hotchkiss and Prendergast proved a close one they should "swing" their candidate on an unexpected convention, but that if the contest seemed out to be one-sided they should not mention his name.

"Only three of us were in the secret till the end," said "Suspender Jack." "I had a fine lady to second the nomination, but toward the last she got cold feet. But we crossed the Rubicon just the same."

"I never saw such a fine bunch of patriots in my life before. Such a fine gang of men and women as attended that convention could accomplish almost anything. Why, if they were to stand on the street corner while the high buildings were falling on their heads, I believe they would sing 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' and shout for Straus."

"I certainly want to thank the Giver of all good things that I didn't get carried away by confusion when I made my nominating speech. One guy there hollered, 'Give him the hook!' but I came right back at him with 'Rome was saved by the cackling of geese, so you'd better listen to me.' Well, we put it across, all right, all right."

How "Rubicon" Was Crossed. "Of course, as I say to Dr. Lomburger here, we couldn't do more than set a frost. And 'Steve' Brodie took a chance, didn't he? So when we saw it was a drawn battle between Hotchkiss and Prendergast I took the stand, and we crossed the Rubicon."

Mr. Suffern was the woman who withdrew from the scheme. It was agreed then that Dr. Lomburger should second the nomination. He thinks that when he got up the rest of the delegates believed he was the real thing, and that the whole Kings delegation had swung to Straus, and that the really started the stampede. All he could do, at all events, was to shout that he seconded the nomination. The speech he had in reserve for the occasion was snuffed out by the demonstration that immediately followed.

The two men were warmly congratulated at the national headquarters on their accomplishment.

CONGRATULATE MR. STRAUS

Progressive Candidate Gets Scores of Telegrams.

Syracuse, Sept. 7.—Oscar S. Straus, candidate of the Progressive party for Governor of the State of New York, left here for New York City this morning on the special train which carried the Metropolitan delegates back to their homes.

Before leaving Syracuse the candidate received scores of telegrams congratulating him upon having been chosen as the standard bearer in the Progressive fight in this state. He said he had no time as yet as to what his activities in the campaign would be, but as State Chairman William Hotchkiss announced to the convention yesterday that every nominee of the party would "take the stump" this fall, Mr. Straus probably will do his share of speechmaking.

## JOYOUS BULL MOOSE RETURN FROM SYRACUSE

In the centre—"Suspender Jack" McGee, who named Oscar S. Straus for Governor. To the right—Dr. Oscar Lomburger, of Brooklyn, who, with McGee, claims the credit for starting the Straus stampede.



good naturedly and the winner was chosen by a rising vote.

## CROWD WELCOMES STRAUS

Candidate Shakes Hands with Hundreds at Tarrytown.

Oscar S. Straus was welcomed by a large crowd on his arrival at Tarrytown yesterday afternoon. The coming of Mr. Straus had been well advertised, and long before the train was due many were waiting at the station. As the special pulled in there were given three hearty cheers, and many rushed forward to shake the candidate's hand. So large was the crowd that fast trains had to slow up until the police cleared the tracks.

Before leaving the train Mr. Straus walked through the ten cars and shook hands with the crowd, and then leaving the Pullman walked to the locomotive and shook hands with the engineer and fireman. Mr. Straus and his wife, who accompanied him to the convention, entered their automobile and hurried to their home, near the estate of Miss Helen Gould. At his home more than five hundred telegrams awaited him.

As to the rumor that he is to resign from the post as railroad engineer arbitrator, Mr. Straus stated that he had not thought of the matter enough to give it his attention.

DELEGATES BACK HOARSE

Still Able, However, to Shout for Their Candidates.

Perhaps the majority of the New York delegates to the State Progressive Convention at Syracuse returned to the city on the special train (the "Big Moose Special") as the train announcer had it on the blackboard at the Grand Central Station, which arrived at 4:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Straus, the nominee for Governor, took this train, but dropped off at Tarrytown.

Hotchkiss, Prendergast and Woodruff either stayed upstate or came in unannounced on regular trains in the morning. A later train, with more of the delegates, arrived at 7 o'clock in the evening. Except for a marked hoarseness, all the delegates seemed little the worse for wear and still able to display their enthusiasm over their choice of candidates.

## BULL MOOSE ATHLETES NOW

"Johnnie" Hayes Heads New Progressive League.

## NO OBJECTION TO STRAUS

Engineers Willing He Should Stay on Arbitration Board.

M. N. CADLE AUTHORITY

Assistant Grand Chief Also Declares Brief of Railroads Is Misleading.

The points to come before the arbitration committee of seven, to which the demands of the engineers on the Eastern railroads were referred, at the resumption of hearings in this city tomorrow were gone over yesterday at a conference between M. N. Cadle, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and P. H. Morrissey, the arbitrator representing the engineers. The conference took place in the Hotel Manhattan. Later Mr. Cadle left the city for St. Louis.

Mr. Cadle was asked if the engineers would want Oscar S. Straus to continue on the arbitration board, now that he was a candidate of a political party for Governor of this state.

"As far as the engineers are concerned," he said, "I do not know of a single member of the brotherhood involved in the demands who would want him to resign on account of his candidacy. We believe that the board will give a fair decision, and that when the engineers made their demands they did not overstate matters. No matter what the decision of the board will be, it will not affect the candidacy of Mr. Straus, in my opinion."

"It is true that there are more engineers in the state than there are railroad officials, but the railroads, if they think it necessary, have their own way of controlling the votes of workers. The question of politics, I believe, will have no weight in the coming hearings of the arbitration committee, and I can see no reason why Mr. Straus should resign from the committee because he happens to be the candidate for Governor of the Progressive party."

He said that, in his opinion, there could be no more fitting choice of an arbitrator than Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, who represented the railroads on the committee. Mr. Willard rose from an engineer to his present place.

"As to the brief of the railroads," he continued, "the figures given out in that document on behalf of the railroads are misleading. The averages of the earnings of the men given in the brief are far too high and the averages are not spread among enough roads to get reliable figures. The brief of the railroads says nothing of the enormous traffic in the East, as compared with the West, in giving statistics of the mileage. If the

engineers can complete trips in several hours less than schedule time it is all the more profit to the roads. They could have more trips in a given time."

The hearings will be resumed at 11 a. m. tomorrow, in the offices of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, No. 2 Wall street, and will be in executive session. In reference to the agreement by which the expenses of the arbitration proceedings should be borne equally by the railroads and the engineers, representatives of the latter said yesterday this would apply only to what might be known as legitimate expenses.

They said the brief of the railroads was a much larger document than the brief of the engineers and that the representatives of the railroads were sending copies of it in all directions. They said that it would not be fair for the union to pay half of such expenses.

## WATCHING TWINE WORKERS

Factory Commission Investigating Harvester Company Mills.

Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Miss Grace Potter and Miss G. E. Smith, representing the State Factory Investigation Commission, have been investigating the home conditions of women employed in the twine mills here of the International Harvester Company, of which George W. Perkins is a director.

At daybreak to-day they took pictures of women coming from the mills after working all night. They declined to make any statement as to conditions they found. It was said the investigators learned that while the so-called relief insurance is not compulsory, employees will not be re-employed after the slack season if they fail to join the relief when employed. Complaint is made that relief is not forthcoming unless illness is of two weeks' duration, so that if an employee is sick one week he must shut himself another week to draw relief. It is known that the Auburn Charities Department has had to give relief to employees who were ill for short periods because they were not laid up long enough to qualify.

Criticism of the pension system is also said to be the subject of investigation. It is charged that employees are dropped when the pension retirement is within one or two years of fulfillment. The system of so-called profit-sharing by which employees are rewarded with bonuses is said to be also under scrutiny.

## TAFT ELECTORS GO ON

Assured of Place on Nevada's Republican Ballot.

Carson, Nev., Sept. 7.—There is no longer any doubt that the names of Taft electors will go on the Republican ballot this fall. Colonel Maxon, Republican national committeeman for Nevada, filed the list with the Secretary of State to-day and received a receipt.

After the regular Republican convention it was found that the nomination of Presidential electors had been overlooked. A second convention was called and the electors nominated.

## RUSSELL "HEARD" ABOUT ROOSEVELT AND MORGAN

"Proof" of T. R.'s Request for a Campaign Gift Is What Magazine Man Said.

## TELLS OF M'VEAGH STORY

Suggests Congress Committee Call Morgan, MacVeagh and Representative of "Hampton's."

The only proof which Charles Edward Russell was able to produce at the Socialist meeting at Independence Hall, Pitkin avenue and Osborn street, Brownsville, last night to back up his assertion of last Sunday that Wayne MacVeagh, former Attorney General of the United States, was in the office of J. Pierpont Morgan when Colonel Roosevelt called up the financier from Washington and asked for a campaign contribution was the word of a representative of "Hampton's Magazine," who said he got the story from Mr. MacVeagh in the summer of 1910. Mr. Russell said he was unable to make public the name of "Hampton's" representative, for fear the young fellow would lose the job which he now held.

Mr. Russell stated, however, that the notes taken by "Ben" Hampton from the report of his representative after his return from visiting Mr. MacVeagh in his home, near Philadelphia, were now in the possession of a representative of the United States Court. It is said that this is the court in which Mr. Hampton's bankruptcy case is being argued.

The interview with Mr. McVey followed the publication of a story in the issue of "Hampton's Magazine" for August, 1910, entitled, "Is Roosevelt Inevitable?" When the issue appeared on the newsstands about the middle of July, Mr. McVey, Mr. Russell said, asked that a representative of the magazine be sent to confer with him. A young man, whose integrity would not be questioned by any one, should his name be mentioned, was sent to Philadelphia, spent an afternoon and the better part of an evening in conference with Mr. McVey, and was told by him of many alleged facts about the career of Mr. Roosevelt which Mr. Russell did not believe the colonel would like to see in print.

"Among them," said Mr. Russell, was the incident in the campaign of 1894, which I have promised to relate to-night, which promise we have to thank for the presence here this evening of so many members of the capitalist press. Mr. McVey told the representative from "Hampton's" that he was in the office of Mr. Morgan when the financier was called to the telephone, the message coming from Washington.

"After a brief absence, Mr. Morgan returned to the room where Mr. MacVeagh sat, very much incensed. 'That maniac at Washington,' he is alleged to have said, 'wants me to contribute to his campaign fund.' Mr. Hampton took down the points carefully, had them typewritten and filed away. Before I related this incident last Sunday I went to Mr. Hampton, and he assured me that my version of it was correct. I have subsequently seen the representative who visited Mr. MacVeagh, and he also corroborated the essentials of my story."

Mr. Russell's alleged knowledge of the affair came through the fact that he was associate editor of "Hampton's" at the time, and was present when the man who saw Mr. MacVeagh made his report. "If there is any question of veracity involved," observed Mr. Russell, modestly, "I am not involved. The responsibility lies elsewhere."

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Mr. Russell suggested to the committee at Washington which is investigating the matter of campaign contributions that it summon Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Hampton, Mr. Hampton's representative and himself before it. He expressed the belief that his story would be upheld. He told of a reporter of a paper of which he was city editor obtaining an interview from Mr. Roosevelt when he was in the city government which the colonel later repudiated. When asked by the reporter why he did so he is alleged to have said: "You know, old man, that in politics we have to do these things."

"But," exclaimed Mr. Russell, "Mr. Roosevelt is not going to do 'these things' to me without having them sung right back in his face!"

## HELD ON BANK'S CHARGE.

On a charge of forgery made by Charles H. Wassels, paying teller of the Chemical National Bank, a man who described himself as John Gordon, twenty-five years old, a laborer, of No. 23 West 4th street, was detained last night in the Oak street police station.

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